

**REMARKS**

Claims 17, 18 and 20-42 are pending in the application, with claims 17, 21, 25, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 being independent. Claim 17 has been amended, claim 19 has been canceled, and claims 37-42 have been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 21-36 and the Examiner's indication that claims 18 and 19 are directed to allowable subject matter. In view of this, claim 19 has been canceled and claim 17 has been amended to include the subject matter from claim 19 that was indicated to be allowable.

Claims 17 and 20 have been rejected as being anticipated by Shiraki. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendment of claim 17 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 19.

New independent claim 37 similarly recites the allowable subject matter of claim 19 and is believed to be allowable for at least this reason. As such, all claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a \$350 check for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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